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C O N F I D E N T I A L JAKARTA 0701

FOLTEL SENT JAKARTA JAN 17TH RPTD FOR YOUR ACTION/INFO:

QUOTE

C O N F I D E N T I A L SURABAYA 0026

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SUBJ: SECURITY SITUATION IN EAST JAVA

REF: SURABAYA 0023

FOLLOWING FOR EMBASSY REVIEW AND ONWARD TRANSMISSION TO SECSTATE
AND AMCONSULATE MEDAN

SUMMARY

SITUATION IN SURABAYA AND ENVIRONS SOMEWHAT TENSE BUT CALM. THERE
IS NOTICEABLE BUT NOT GREAT INCREASE IN VISIBLE POLICE PRESENCE
AND MARINE BATTALION IS ON ALERT STATUS. MANY STORES EITHER CLOSED
OR REMAINING SHUTTERED WHILE DOING BUSINESS. JAPANESE
CONSUL REPORTS JAPANESE COMMUNITY CALM AND NOT TAKING ANY SPECIAL
PRECAUTIONS. SURABAYA MAYOR EXPECTS NO TROUBLE. ON OTHER HAND
ARMY INTELLIGENCE PERSONNEL REPORTEDLY EXPECT TROUBLE. TOP
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ARMY LEADERSHIP REPORTEDLY SUMMONED TO JAKARTA MORNING OF JANUARY

17. NO INDICATION YET THAT STUDENTS PLANNING MILITANT ACTIVITY BUT SOME PREPARING LIST OF POTENTIAL TARGETS. STUDENTS AND OTHERS BELIEVE MAIN THREAT OF VIOLENCE IS FROM NON-STUDENT ELEMENTS.

1. SITUATION IN SURABAYA AND VICINITY SOMEWHAT TENSE BUT CALM AND THERE HAVE BEEN NO INCIDENTS TO DATE. MANY STORES IN MAIN COMMERCIAL AREAS CLOSED ON EVENING OF JANUARY 16 AND MORE THAN NORMAL NUMBER ON MORNING OF JANUARY 17. MANY SHOPS THAT ARE OPEN ARE KEEPING WINDOWS SHUTTERED AND ACCORDIAN GATES ONLY PARTLY OPEN. NORMALLY CONSPICUOUS SEIKO SIGN NOT RPT NOT TURNED ON LAST NIGHT. VEHICLE AND PEDESTRIAN TRAFFIC DURING NORMALLY BUSY SHOPPING HOURS YESTERDAY EVENING NOTICEABLY LIGHTER THAN USUAL. REPORTEDLY OWNERS OF JAPANESE MADE CARS ARE KEEPING THEM OFF THE STREETS BUT IN FACT MANY STILL MAY BE SEEN. SOMEWHAT MORE THAN USUAL NUMBER OF UNIFORMED POLICE ARE ON STREETS.

2. SURABAYA MAYOR SOEKOTJO ASSURED CONOFF ON JANUARY 16 THAT EVERYTHING CALM AND SECURE. JAPANESE CONSUL PROFESSED NOT TO BE WORRIED AND SAID JAPANESE COMMUNITY NOT RPT NOT TAKING ANY SPECIAL PRECAUTIONS. BY CONTRAST RECENTLY ARRIVED AUSTRALIAN FAMILY TOLD CONSULATE SCHOOL ON MORNING OF JANUARY 17 THAT THEY HAD BEEN TOLD BY AUSTRALIAN EMBASSY IN JAKARTA TO REMAIN IN THEIR HOTEL UNTIL THINGS QUIET DOWN IN JAKARTA.

3. MARINE (KKO) BATTALION HAS BEEN PLACED ON ALERT AND CONOFF OBSERVED LARGE GROUP IN FIELD UNIFORM AND WITH WEAPONS PROCEEDING IN TRUCK CONVOY TO OUTSKIRTS OF CITY, PRESUMABLY FOR BIVOUAC. REPORTEDLY VARIOUS BUSINESSMEN HAVE PRIVATE ARRANGEMENTS WITH KKO AND ARE RECEIVING PROTECTION FROM MARINE PERSONNEL IN PLAIN CLOTHES.

4. CONSULATE SOURCE WITH GOOD CONTACTS IN MILITARY SAYS ARMY INTELLIGENCE OFFICERS TOLD HIM THAT THERE HAVE BEEN AGITATORS ARRIVING FROM JAKARTA TO STIR THINGS UP AND TROUBLE HERE IS DIFINITE POSSIBILITY. THEY NOTED THAT MILITARY DISTRICT COMMANDER MAJOR GENERAL SOEJONO MAKING NO STATEMENTS IN ORDER NOT TO EXACERBATE SITUATION. ANOTHER SOURCE REPORTS TOP LOCAL MILITARY COMMANDERS WERE SUMMONED TO JAKARTA MORNING OF JANUARY 17.
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5. RELIABLE SOURCE WITH CONTACTS AMONG STUDENTS AT AIRLANGGA UNIVERSITY REPORTS STUDENTS THERE APPARENTLY HAVE NOT YET MADE ANY DEFINITE PLANS FOR ACTION BUT ARE PREPARING LIST OF OFFICIALS AND POSSIBLY OTHERS WHOSE LIFE STYLE TOO OPULENT. PROMINENT ON LIST OF POTENTIAL TARGETS REPORTEDLY IS "PALATIAL" HOUSE OWNED BY GENERAL SUMITRO IN MODJOKERTO, A CITY ABOUT THIRTY MILES FROM SURABAYA. STUDENTS INVOLVED THIS PROJECT INCLUDE MOSLEMS WHO

HERETOFORE REPORTEDLY HAVE BEEN MOST ACTIVE GROUP AT AIRLANGGA.
UNKNOWN IF OTHER STUDENTS ARE INVOLVED. LIST OF HIGH LIVERS SAID BY
SOURCE ALREADY TO BE SIXTEEN PAGES LONG.

6. ANOTHER RELIABLE SOURCE TOLD BY INSTITUT TEKNOLOGI SURABAYA (ITS)
STUDENT THAT STUDENTS THERE CONVINCED THAT NON-STUDENT GROUPS WILL
MAKE TROUBLE IN EAST JAVA AND ITS STUDENTS VERY CONCERNED BOTH TO
PREVENT THIS AND TO MAKE CLEAR TO AUTHORITIES THAT ANY INCIDENTS
THAT OCCUR NOT ITS DOING. ACCORDINGLY THEY HAVE APPROACHED MERCHANTS
,
ESPECIALLY THOSE FEATURING JAPANESE MADE PRODUCTS AND URGED THEM
TO CLOSE UNTIL CRISIS OVER. ALSO THEY HAVE ASKED STUDENTS WHOSE
FATHERS ARE IMPORTANT OFFICIALS (INCLUDING SONS OF EAST HAVA GOVERNOR
AND OF SOME GENERALS RESIDENT IN MALANG) TO WARN THEIR FATHERS
OF THREAT FROM NON-STUDENT GROUPS AND ASSURE THEM THAT ITS STUDENTS
AGAINST DESTRUCTION OF STATE OR PRIVATE PROPERTY. RANDOLPH UNQUOTE
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